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Enhanced green cover planned for Pudukottai district

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Tree saplings provided by the Forest department planted on a private agricultural land in Pudukottai district

The Forest department has proposed to enhance green cover in the district by planting seedlings of various species in padugai areas, tank foreshore and avenues.

This is in addition to the afforestation drive that is being carried out by the department through implementation of various ongoing schemes.

A proposal has been forwarded by the department authorities to higher-ups seeking clearance for planting seedlings in about 100 hectares in padugai areas, 250 hectares in tank foreshore and 20,000 seedlings along road avenues.

The objective is to enhance green cover in the district through plantations, said a senior official adding that the proposal was sent a month ago.

The coastal district of Pudukottai was witness to immense destruction caused by cyclone Gaja last November including uprooting of trees in large numbers all over the district. The

proposal once cleared will pave the way for further improvement of green cover in the district, said the official.

As part of its ongoing schemes, the department has already distributed 1.80 lakh seedlings under the Tamil Nadu Bio-Diversity Conservation and Greening Project.

The seedlings have been planted on patta lands belonging to farmers residing outside the forest areas.

In addition, about 40,000 seedlings have been planted within the forest areas under the Massive Tree Plantation programme. Also, about 7,000 seedlings have been given away to schools and colleges, besides a few industrial units, for planting them in their premises.

According to the official, the department has supplied free-of-cost herbal plants to schools to set up herbal gardens.

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